(c) the reasons-for shortfall in export of cotton?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) An export quotaj of 12,41 lakh bales of cotton has been released so far in the 1996-97 cotton season.

(b) As against the export quota of 12.41 lakh bales, the actual shipment upto 25th March, 1997 was 3.96 lakh bales.

(c) In respect of most of the agencies to which export quota has been allotted, the shipment period has been given upto September, 97. It is too early to say that there has been a shortfall in export of cotton.

Schemes for Development of Handicrafts in Bihar

4246. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The schemes fromulated for development of handicrafts sector in tribal and backward areas of Bihar;

(b) The Funds provided for development of handicrafts sector during the last three years, schemes-wise, and

(c) The number of artisans/craftsmen benefitted therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a)'No specific scheme has been formulated for development of the handicrafts sector in the tribal and backward areas of Bihar. However, . , the schemes being implemented for promotion and development of handicrafts on all India basis include : training, design and technical development, marketing support, setting up of crafts development centres, workshed-cum-housing and publicity.

(b) The funds provided for development of handicrafts sector in the state of Bihar during the last three years, scheme-wise, is as per statement attached *(See* below).

(c) The number of artisans/craftsmen benefitted directly from the funds released to the State of Bihar during the last three years is about 6000.

Statement

The details of funds released, scheme-wise, for the development of handicrafts in the State of Bihar during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No.	Name of the Schemes	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Exhibition	1.00	1.43	0.80
2.	Publicity	—	0.07	—
3.	Design Development	0.11	2.11	—
4,	Training	11.28	16.00	20.97
§.	Maketing	—	1.13	5.23
6.	Marketing Development Support	- —	—	—
1.	Survey and Studies	2.38	5.70	1.43
8,	Welfare	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5
9,	Crafts Development Centre 10. Revival of Languishing Crafts	2.51	—	—
	TOTAL:—	17.28	26.44	28.43

Earning of Foreign Exchange Export of Jute Goods

4247. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of diversified jute products during the last three years;

(b) the major importing countries and the main items exported to them; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to boost the exports of jute products?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The total amount of foreign exchange earned from export of diversified jute products during the last three years is as under:

Year	*Value (in Mn. USS)*
1993-94	5.78
1994-95	13.29
1995-96	15.62

(b) The names of major countries to whom diversified jute products are exported are given below:

Country	*Item*
U.K.	Decorative Fabrics
Belgium	Soil Saver
Germany	Shopping bags
Spain	Webbing
Malayasia	Felts
U.S.A.	Mattings
Australia	Dyed Fabrics
Japan	Decrorative Fabrics

(c) Various steps have been taken by the Government to boost export of jute products. Jute Manufactures Development Council has been participating in various trade fairs, exhibitions, organising buyerseller meetings, seminars, workshops, sponsoring delegations in international market and launching publicity campaigns under its own funds and funds provided under UNDP jute programme.

External Market Assistance Scheme

4248, SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of aims, objectives and functioning of External Market Assistance Scheme launched by Government alongwith date of its inception;

(b) whether the scheme has been revised with effect from 1st April, 1997; and

(c) if so, the changes incorporated therein alongwith justification for each of them?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The External Market Assistance Scheme was introduced by the Govt, with effect from 8.2.1989 to boost export of jute diversified products. The Scheme is operated by Juts Manufacturers Development Council, by providing a market assistance in the form of subsidy on export of specified jute diversified products at the notified rates on the FOB value realisation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The EMA scheme has been revised with effect from 1.4.9?. The list of items including changes that have been included for assistance under the scheme is at Statement *(See* below).

The selection of items in the revised scheme has been made with the objective of encouraging export of value added products and also keeping in view